

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

## Voting Members:

Tommy Waters, Chair; Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Vice Chair;  
Carol Fukunaga, Joey Manahan, Ron Menor

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Committee Meeting Held  
July 16, 2020

Honorable Ikaika Anderson  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare, which considered  
Resolution 20-157 entitled:

**"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO INCREASE MONITORING  
AND ENFORCEMENT OF COVID-19 PROTECTIVE MEASURES,"**

introduced on June 23, 2020, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Mayor to increase monitoring and enforcement of COVID-19 protective measures and orders.

Managing Director Roy K. Amemiya, Jr. ("MD Amemiya"), testified in support of the Resolution, on behalf of the Mayor and the City Administration. MD Amemiya indicated that the City is currently experiencing spikes in the number of COVID-19 cases, and he stressed the importance of using masks, physical distancing, and good hygiene. MD Amemiya relayed that the City is looking to hire additional persons to assist with monitoring visitors and enforcement of COVID-19 protective measures and orders related to vacation rentals, and that the City will also be expanding enforcement of protective measures and orders specific to bars and other high-risk activities.

Your Committee received no other oral testimony on the Resolution.

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Committee Vice Chair Tsuneyoshi raised concerns about visitors being coached to say they are staying with a friend or relative to get around the vacation rental ban. MD Amemiya indicated that steps are being taken to make contact with property owners to ensure their guests are complying with COVID-19 orders.

Chair Emeritus Menor asked about the timeframe for filling the new monitoring positions. MD Amemiya indicated that they would be filled as soon as possible.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from one individual.

No testimony was received in opposition to the Resolution

Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 20-157 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Menor, Tsuneyoshi, Waters – 3; Noes: None; Excused: Fukunaga, Manahan – 2.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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